

This Page Is Inserted by IFW Operations
and is not a part of the Official Record

BEST AVAILABLE IMAGES

Defective images within this document are accurate representations of the original documents submitted by the applicant.

Defects in the images may include (but are not limited to):

- BLACK BORDERS
- TEXT CUT OFF AT TOP, BOTTOM OR SIDES
- FADED TEXT
- ILLEGIBLE TEXT
- SKEWED/SLANTED IMAGES
- COLORED PHOTOS
- BLACK OR VERY BLACK AND WHITE DARK PHOTOS
- GRAY SCALE DOCUMENTS

IMAGES ARE BEST AVAILABLE COPY.

**As rescanning documents *will not* correct images,
please do not report the images to the
Image Problem Mailbox.**



BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

8110 GATEHOUSE ROAD

SUITE 100 EAST

FALLS CHURCH, VA 22042-1248

USA

(703) 205-8000

FAX: (703) 205-8050

(703) 698-8590 (G IV)

e-mail: mailroom@bskb.com

web: <http://www.bskb.com>

OTHER OFFICES:

CARLSBAD, CALIFORNIA

COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA



Date: April 8, 2004

Docket No.: 0879-0437PUS1

MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): Mikio SASAGAWA

For: IMAGE PROCESSING PROGRAM AND IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of twenty seven (27) pages
- ☒ Fourteen (14) sheet(s) formal drawings
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- ☐ Applicant does not claim priority
- ☒ Applicant claims the right of priority under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a) based on Application No(s). 2003-104964 filed in Japan on April 9, 2003.
 - ☒ Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
 - ☐ Certified copy(ies) will follow.
- ☒ Executed Declaration (☐ Original ☒ Photocopy)



13281 U.S. PTO

Docket No. 0879-0437PUS1

- ☒ An assignment of the invention
- ☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
- ☐ Other:
- ☐ Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee
- ☐ Non-publication Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

| | | | LARGE ENTITY | SMALL ENTITY |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| BASIC FEE | | | \$770.00 | \$385.00 |
| | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE FEE | RATE FEE |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 9- 20 = | 0 | X 18 = \$0.00 | x 9 = \$0.00 |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | 2- 3 = | 0 | x 86 = \$0.00 | x 43 = \$0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED | | | + \$290.00 | + \$145.00 |
| TOTAL | | | \$770.00 | \$0.00 |

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$810.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this transmittal form is enclosed.
- ☒ Please send correspondence to:

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP or Customer No. 02292
P.O. Box 747
Falls Church, VA 22040-0747
(703) 205-8000

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

By ma as (KPO 46,069)
2 Marc S. Weiner, #32,181

MSW/nl
0879-0437PUS1

P.O. Box 747
Falls Church, VA 22040-0747
(703) 205-8000

(Rev. 02/13/2004)